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# March 2026 NEWSLETTER



## A Note From Ms. Dee

March is here and we are looking forward to the arrival of Spring, as well as a month full of special events, holidays, monthly themes and activities. We say goodbye to our shortest month of February, and hopefully the last of the winter weather. Some memorable events in February were our Transportation Parades! Every class represented a different form of transportation from the traditional to the creative. We had everything from monster trucks, a princess carriage, a sanitation truck, cruise ship, Thomas the Train, a Batmobile, bikes, and a magic school bus.

On Monday, March 2nd, we will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. Dr. Seuss, is the name that author Theodor Seuss Geisel made up. He loved children and was dedicated to encouraging a love of reading. Through books filled with silly rhymes, silly characters and lots of humor, he kept their interest for a long time. We know that when children enjoy a book they will want to hear the story again and again. We encourage everyone to pick up a favorite book, find a comfortable spot and read to your child every day.

We will celebrate Music and Dance Appreciation during the third week of March. The week will have our St. Patrick's Day parade and dancing on Tuesday, March 17th. Preschoolers love to sing, make music, and move to the beat. They feel competent when they learn a new song, powerful when they pound a drum or

shake a tambourine, and proud when they invent a new dance. As children explore and enjoy music, they can develop skills in other learning areas at the same time. Teachers and families can relate music to subjects as diverse as math, science, literacy, and social studies.

At the end of the month, we will have our Annual Little CTK Shops. Each daycare class will pretend to be a special store in our CTK Community Mall and "sell" different products that they made. Each class will then get an opportunity to shop with their "money" and decorated brown bags. The children enjoyed this activity so much in the past years, and we hope to have continued success this year. Our future chefs, bakers, florists, and talented entrepreneurs are beginning right here at CTK!



- Parents must call or email [daycarenurse@ckkidsny.org](mailto:daycarenurse@ckkidsny.org) each day that your child is absent.
- Weather Information/ School Closing- Please check our website [www.ckkny.org](http://www.ckkny.org), as well as our Instagram and Facebook page, for the latest in school closing information. You will also receive an email notification.
- When calling the facility, please keep in mind that calls should be ideally be made between 12-2pm while the children are napping. The daycare phone number is 718-417-6770.
- As we move into Spring, please remember to make sure your child's cubby contains weather-appropriate clothing. We also appreciate all of our parents continuing to bring in diapers and a box of wipes twice each month on the 1st and the 15th.

## Monthly Themes



- **Colors:** Green
- **Concepts:** Identifying Money, Community Helpers, Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick's Day
- **Shape:** Star
- **Letters:** Q, R, S

- **Number(s):**

Ages (1-2) # 7

Ages (3-4) #'s 13-14

## Little Einsteins



### **Science With the Kitties**

Welcome March! Last month, the Kitties had a great time learning and celebrating Valentine's Day! We painted red hearts, but we did more than just stamp red hearts on our papers. We did bubble art! We mixed red paint with some dish detergent and some children bubbles. Then the children placed a plastic heart cutout into the mixture and placed it on the paper. Once on the paper you could see a bubble formed within the heart cutout. The children then popped the bubble with their finger and watched as the red paint splattered into a heart shape onto the paper. This was a new and creative way to paint and the children loved popping the bubbles and watching what it created.

This month, we are looking forward to celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday, as well as our St. Patrick's Day parade!

### **Science With the Chipmunks**

During the month of February, the children learned all about clothing. They designed their own socks, mittens, and T-shirts, and participated in imaginative play at our classroom "laundromat," where they practiced washing clothes using water and soap. Throughout the unit, the students learned about the various materials used to make clothing and the different methods of production, including sewing, knitting, weaving, and crocheting. They also discussed the differences between handmade garments and clothing produced in factories. We will conclude the unit with a fashion show featuring the children's creative paper bag vests. We can't wait for the students to be able to showcase their hard work!

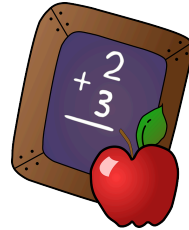
In March, we will begin our Building unit. The students will explore the materials commonly used in construction and investigate how structures are designed for strength and stability. In the science center, the children will work collaboratively to build bridges using plastic cups and popsicle sticks, testing their designs by having small animals "walk" across them. They will be encouraged to problem-solve and modify their structures to improve stability. Additionally, the students will create slime to use as "cement" while constructing their own popsicle stick structures. We look forward to an engaging and hands-on month of learning about buildings and construction.

### **Science With The Turtles**

As we reflect on the month of February, the Turtles have truly enjoyed celebrating Valentine's Day and beginning our unit of study on "light." They've been learning about different light sources and how shadows are made. This month, they will continue exploring how light makes our world brighter and more exciting. The light study will continue to encourage creativity, collaboration, and language

development as the children share ideas, work together, and talk about the shadows they make. One of the Turtles' favorite art activities connected to light was decorating "light bulbs" using yellow construction paper cut into the shape of a light bulb and gluing gold glitter onto it. We look forward to seeing their imaginations continue to grow — all from something as simple as a flashlight as a light source! Overall, the Turtles have been showing a lot of interest while learning about light and spreading love and kindness in celebration of Valentine's Day. Looking ahead to March, we are excited to finish our unit of study on light, celebrate St. Patrick's Day, and then begin our unit of study on gardening.

## Mathematicians



### **Math with the Angels**

Welcome to March! We had so much fun celebrating during our Valentine's Day party. Thank you so much to all of our families for your incredibly generous donations and helping to make our party a success!

The Angels have been working on their matching skills during our daily circle time. We have a great time playing our shape matching game. The teacher uses a dry erase marker on a magnetic whiteboard to draw a few different shapes. Then, the teacher asks each child to come up and find a certain magnetic shape from a lineup of shapes. Each child takes their shape and places it on top of the matching shape in the whiteboard. Of course, we all cheer and receive a sticker for a job well done. Playing games is a fun way to practice learning our shapes. Playing games also helps form our social skills by practicing taking turns with our peers.

This month, we are looking forward to exploring the works of Dr. Seuss. We will also have a St. Patrick's Day parade! As a reminder, please make sure your child has plenty of weather appropriate clothing, including socks, in their cubby bin. Thank you!

### **Math with the Sunflowers**

Welcome to March! The Sunflowers are excited for a fun and engaging month ahead. We look forward to celebrating Read Across America Day in honor of Dr. Seuss with special stories and themed activities, as well as participating in our festive St. Patrick's Day parade.

In February, the Sunflowers had a wonderful time celebrating Valentine's Day by sharing kindness, friendship, and sweet treats during our class celebration. Throughout our clothing study, the students strengthened their math skills by using colorful buttons of various shapes and sizes to practice one-to-one correspondence and counting. The children carefully counted and matched the correct number of buttons to the numeral shown on each sweater.

In March, we will begin an exciting new unit of study focused on buildings. Throughout this study, the students will explore how buildings are constructed, learn about different types of community buildings, and examine pictures of buildings from around the world. We will discuss how structures can vary in shape, size, and design. Through hands-on learning, the Sunflowers will take on the roles of construction workers and architects. Using wooden blocks of various shapes and sizes, they will design and build their own structures.

In the math center, the students will continue developing their shape recognition and number skills. They will use a variety of 2D and 3D shapes to create cityscapes and buildings. They will also complete an activity in which they will be given a list of numbers to determine how many blocks high to build each tower in their city skyline, reinforcing their counting and numeral recognition skills. We are looking forward to a month filled with creativity, exploration, and meaningful learning as our Sunflowers continue to grow.

### **Math with the Ducks**

Hello Duck Families! We are so excited to jump into March in the Duck Class! Our classroom has been full of energy, laughter, and so much growth. The Ducks continue to amaze me every single day.

Last month, we had so much fun learning together. The children loved learning about clothing and weather, talking about why we wear different clothes in different seasons, and using their senses to explore and make observations. We also continued investigating wheels by observing how different objects roll and move. There were so many “look!” and “wow!” moments as the Ducks experimented, predicted what would happen, and shared their ideas with their friends. It was such a joy to watch their curiosity grow.

In March, math is taking center stage! We will be counting, sorting, matching, and exploring numbers through hands-on play. I am especially excited about our Duck Clothing Store dramatic play area. The children will take turns being shoppers and store workers, using pretend money, counting clothing items, organizing by size and color, and “shopping” for what they need. This is such a fun way for them to practice early math skills while also building confidence, language, and social skills. I am so proud of our Ducks and all the progress they are making. March is going to be full of counting, shopping, learning, and lots of smiles. Thank you for being such an important part of our Duck family!

## **Little Picassos**



### **Art with the Bunnies**

Welcome to the month of **March**! This month, the Bunnies will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday, St. Patrick's Day, and everything green! We'll be learning about the number 7 and making fun crafts to go along with each of our themes.

Last month, we participated in the Lunar New year parade. For the year of the fire horse we painted horses and lanterns red and gold. One of our favorite projects last month was "N is for Night." After introducing the letter N, each child received a large cutout of the letter to decorate. The Bunnies enjoyed sticking star stickers all over the letter, which not only helped with creativity, but also improved their fine motor skills as they tried to peel the stickers off the paper and place them on. We look forward to more art and creative fun as we move forward into spring.

### **Art with the Lions**

Welcome to the month of March and all things green !

February was a month full of love. The children had a great time celebrating Valentine's Day and making a special Valentine's for their families. The children also really enjoyed our art project with the Clothing Unit theme this month. They got to make their very own clothing design using materials from around the class. Each child was given a shirt or dress pattern and were able to pick any color or material to make a perfect design. In the end they made some very unique and creative designs. Look out Versace here come the Lions.

March will not disappoint, so much will be happening this month ! We kick off with Dr Seuss' birthday and St. Patrick's Day. In addition , we begin a new Unit theme about Buildings. The Building Unit is definitely one of the most interesting and fun. We get to build with so many different materials and learn so much about architecture and different structures.

### **Art with the Dolphins**

I'm a little leprechaun  
Short and Green  
I hide gold coins  
So, they can't be seen  
Are you ready to play?  
Good Luck to you.  
Happy St. Patrick's Day!!

March has sprung upon us and we look forward to the warm weather. The Dolphins are excited about all the new things to come during the month of March, especially the birthday of Dr. Seuss. We would like to wish everyone a very Happy St. Patrick's Day!!

During the month of March, the Dolphins will be learning about gardening. In our Art Center, we will be doing a project using the exploration of different colors, shapes and textures. First, each student will pick a piece of construction paper. Second, they will choose what paint they want, then using sponges, forks, cotton swabs, and fingers each child will make flowers. The students will paint brown for the soil, then using their fingers or other tools, for example, cut or tear to create leaves or petals. Then they will add the stems, leaves, and or petals to make a pretty flower garden.

In February, we studied light. In our Art Center, the children explored how light makes shadows and how we need light to make shadows. Using black construction paper, paint and different objects around the room, the children made their own shadows. First, they picked out the paint they wanted. Second, using the objects they picked, such as a tree cookie cutter, each child painted around the object creating a shadow; called Light Shadow Art. The children

explored light and dark by creating the bright colors on black paper with different classroom objects that made a shadow appearance.

## Musicians in the Making



### **Music with Snugglie II**

Welcome March and also a Happy St. Patrick's Day to all. This month we are looking forward to listening to stories by Dr. Seuss and riding in our St. Patrick's Day parade. Last month, the babies had a fun time riding in their buggies throughout the hallway while music was playing for the Lunar New Year Parade. At music time, the babies dance to music by moving their bodies and clapping along to songs, such as, "If You're Happy And You Know It," and "One Little Finger." We look forward to sharing more music with the children each day.

### **Music with the Monkeys**

February was a month full of exciting events and hands-on learning for our Monkeys. We started the month by learning about Groundhog Day. The children enjoyed learning about Phil the groundhog and his cozy home inside a tree trunk. We read Groundhog Day by Betsy Lewin and discussed what happens when the groundhog sees his shadow. Afterward, the children created their own groundhog shadows using black paper and white chalk. This activity introduced them to a new art medium and encouraged creativity.

Next, we celebrated with our Transportation Parade! The children had so much fun using dot markers to paint their monster trucks, each choosing their own favorite color. During the parade, we proudly wore our Monster Jam necklaces and enjoyed seeing all the different types of transportation created by each class. It was such a fun and colorful event!

Valentine's Day gave us the opportunity to explore the shape of the month—the heart! We created adorable animal crafts using heart shapes and talked about kindness and friendship. We also enjoyed a festive Valentine's Day party filled with dancing, treats, and lots of smiles.

We ended the month by learning about the importance of the color red during Lunar New Year. We discovered that red symbolizes good luck. During story time, we read Curious George Dragon Dance, which introduced us to traditional dragon and lion dances. The children loved creating their own dragons with watercolors to showcase in our parade!

We can't wait to see what March brings as we celebrate Dr. Seuss Day, St. Patrick's Day, and our Little Shops! It's sure to be another month full of fun and learning.

### **Music with the Bears**

In the month of February, the Bears learned all about 'light'. The class discussed different sources of light. We learned about natural light and artificial light. The

children learned that light is all around us. We get light from lamps, flashlights, the sun, moon and stars.

One of our favorite classroom Bear's activities was playing and investigating with the flashlights making shadows with our hands. We all enjoyed learning about shadows and turning the block center into a cave. The children also had fun learning some new songs about light. One of the favorite songs we sang this month was "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star". The children had fun singing while acting out with stars.

### ***Twinkle Twinkle Little Star***

*Twinkle, twinkle, little star  
How I wonder what you are.  
Up above the world so high,  
like a diamond in the sky.  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are.*

As we enter March, we will continue to learn more about light. The children are looking forward to hopefully getting outside to the playground, so we can look at our shadows and trace with chalk. The Bears are looking forward to celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday and St. Patrick's Day. We will transition into our new unit on 'plants and flowers'. As a class, we will be planting for Earth Day and exploring with seeds and dirt.

## **Athletes in Training & Technology Tots**



### **Gym with the Puppies**

Happy March! This past month, the Puppies have been dancing in the gym to their favorite songs that get their whole bodies moving, especially our "Danny Go" songs that keep everyone active and engaged. We also play catch with balls, throw balls in basketball hoops, and practice riding bikes, building our coordination and balance while having so much fun together.

In February, we celebrated Valentine's Day with heart-themed crafts and a class party! The Puppies enjoyed creating festive projects and sharing sweet moments with their friends. We also celebrated the Lunar New Year, learning about the Year of the Horse and participating in a fun parade.

This month, we are looking forward to celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday by reading his fun and silly rhyming books together. For St. Patrick's Day, we will be wearing green and creating festive projects. We are also excited to celebrate Easter with special crafts and an Easter egg hunt.

We're looking forward to the warmer months ahead as we continue learning, growing, and making memories together.

### **Gym with the Bumblebees**

The Bumblebees are ready for March! So many fun and exciting things are happening this month. We will start with celebrating Dr. Seuss by reading his

books. On St. Patrick's Day, we will have a parade filled with shamrocks, rainbows and hopefully pots of gold. We are also looking forward to our CK Little Shops, where the Bumblebees will be making some sweet "honey" to sell.

In February we made our predictions on whether or not the groundhog would see his shadow; the class was split. We did agree that it was easier and more fun to match groundhog pictures to their shadows. The Transportation Parade was a blast. We were cowboys riding our horses. For Valentine's Day we matched "chocolate" shapes in a "box of chocolate" and we knew them all. We also used hearts to help us with our letters by making an Owl and a Penguin. Our Valentine's Day brunch was the perfect celebration of love and friendship.

February was a very cold month and we couldn't go outside. The indoor gym was the perfect spot for fun. The Bumblebees enjoyed riding bikes, playing ball and making up their own silly games. Sometimes we would set up obstacle courses, have races and take turns crawling through the tunnel. We also enjoyed going to the Computer Lab to dance and follow along with some of our favorite songs and videos. There we would play Freeze Dance and "shake your sillies out." Sometimes we would go on a bear hunt or pretend to be dinosaurs and goldfish. One of our favorites is "The Ice King" by Danny Go. It is so much fun to do. When our time was almost up, we would do some yoga with the song, "Silly to Calm."

### **Gym and Tech with the Pandas**

The Pandas are happy to welcome March and hopefully some spring weather! We will be getting ready to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. We will read Green Eggs and Ham and enjoy some green eggs and ham for a snack. The class will also celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

For the month of February, our theme was "Light." The Pandas learned about different sources of light and the importance of light for survival. As a class, we discussed the many ways light is used in our everyday lives. The class explored different types of light: natural (sun, moon, stars) and artificial (lamps, flashlights, light bulbs). The Pandas enjoyed discovering how light makes shadows. We worked together to build a tower with wooden blocks and then used a flashlight to shine light on it, creating a shadow. The children then made their own towers, shined a flashlight on them, and traced the shadows on paper.

An important light source we use every day is traffic lights. In connection to this, the Pandas played the game "Red Light, Green Light, 1-2-3." During gym time, the teachers demonstrated the game while the children watched. As they began to understand the rules, they joined in and started playing together as a class.

As we move into March, the Pandas will explore the theme of Gardening. We're excited to dive into new projects and activities as we discuss the importance of plants and gardening in our lives.

## **The Nurse's Station**



## Health Policy

In March we welcome spring! The children will be spending more time outdoors, both morning and afternoon. For your child's comfort and safety, please have your child wear sneakers or rubber-soled shoes to school. This will enable your child to run, jump, and climb with less falls, bumps and scratches.

Below are a few important Health and Safety reminders:

- **Physicals and Immunizations:** Child & Adolescent Physical Examination forms must be submitted in a timely fashion. Please stay up to date on your child's physicals and immunizations. Physicals must be submitted after each milestone: 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 9 months, 12 months, 15 months, 18 months and annually thereafter. We are mandated by the Department of Health to keep records of all physicals and immunizations. Your child will not be allowed to attend Day Care/Pre-School without the appropriate updates and forms submitted. You may download a Child and Adolescent Health Examination Form from our website or obtain a form from the Nurse's Office.
- From time to time children become sick or need to be picked-up before their scheduled time to leave. Please have an alternate plan if at any time your child needs to be picked-up early. A doctor's note must accompany any child returning from a contagious or serious illness.
- Absences: As per the Department of Health rules and regulations, absences must be called in on a daily basis. Should a health concern arise, please be sure to inform the Directors or Nurse.
- St. Patrick's Day is coming up! If you would like to send any snacks or sweets for a classroom party, remember that we are nut-free school and do not serve any items containing tree nuts.

## CLASS QUOTES AND STORIES

### Angels

A teacher told the class we would be making hearts today. Giuliana shouted out and exclaimed "WOW!"

### Bears

After reading the book "Round Trip" By: Ann Jonas. The children were in the art center painting with black and white paint. The children picked different scenes from the book and discussed why that was their favorite part of the book. Era said to Melanie, "I painted the beach and I can't wait to go to the beach in the summer." Melanie looked at Domenico and said, "So you want to go the beach with Ms. Kerin this summer." Domenico responded, "I have to ask my mom."

### Bumblebees

During gym time, the Bumblebees were buzzing around on bicycles or in cars. Salvatore was on his favorite bike and suddenly stopped moving. He called out,

“Help Miss Tina, I’m stuck and need a tow truck.”

### **Bunnies**

While doing our heart project for the shape of the month, the teachers asked the children where our hearts were. The children all pointed to where our hearts are.

### **Chipmunks**

At circle time, Ms. Gina asked the students why we were all wearing red (the day we were celebrating Chinese New Year). Ava said, “Because it’s Gong Hei Fat Choy!”

### **Dolphins**

When making Raelyn breakfast one morning, Miss Diane made her pancakes into smile faces. Raelyn said, “Miss Diane, this looks like my sister.”

### **Ducks**

Ms. Jordan was putting on her earmuffs for the cold weather and Isla asked, “Why are you wearing headphones?”

### **Kitties**

The children were finishing their snacks and the teachers asked, “Who is done?” Everett jumped up and said enthusiastically, “I’m done!”

### **Lions**

During our 102 days of school celebration Ms. Melissa was trying to take a picture of Haily; but her friends wanted her to play. They kept calling out to her. She put her hand up and said, “Ms. Melissa, hold on, wait a second.” She then looked at her friends and said, “Can’t you see I’m posing for photos right now.” Then turned and smiled for the camera.

### **Monkeys**

Alessio and Giovanni were extremely excited on Monday morning and couldn’t wait to tell me all about going to a real Monster Jam show! Alessio proudly shared, “I wore earmuffs because it was loud!”

### **Pandas**

During group discussion, the Pandas talked about sunlight and shadows. We discussed the groundhog and whether he would see his shadow. We made a chart: “Yes” for shadow and “No” for no shadow. The children took turns placing their names under each one. After we got the results, Aiden said, “I want to take my name off of no and put it on yes and be just like the groundhog!”

### **Puppies**

During music time, Miles sings along to some of “The Wheels on the Bus,” especially the lyrics “round and round”. He loves doing all the dance moves with his friends and is always excited to join in.

### **Snugglies**

Getting up from naptime, Ms. Evelyn opened up the shades and Arabella said, “Wow!!”

### **Sunflowers**

After Conan saw Miss Christina carrying so many things, he turned to her and said, “You’re carrying too many things.”

## Turtles

After reading *All About Light* by Angela Rayston, we discussed different sources of light that we see in our daily lives. While sitting on the carpet during our discussion, Jamie said, "The sun gives us light." Then Aliyna added, "The sun is just a big flashlight that only turns off at night."

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